

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner's attention is first directed to correcting the filing date in this case. The application was filed on December 4, 1998. Following abandonment of the application, a decision on the petition to revive was granted on August 13, 2001. The filing date of the application listed on the decision on petition is properly December 4, 1998. For some reason, the U.S.P.T.O. PAIR System now lists the filing date as July 18, 2001, the filing date of the petition. Please attend to the correction of the Patent Office records to indicate the proper revived filing date of December 4, 1998.

An objection has been made to the specification. A correction has been made to overcome this objection.

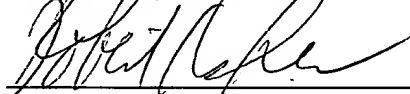
Claims 1-12 and 16-17, 18, 19, 21, 28-29, 30-31 and 33 are objected to because of a number of informalities. All of the corrections requested by the Examiner have been made in the enclosed claim amendments.

Claims 1-2, 13-14 and 25-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Compliment. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 3-12, 15-24, and 27-36 are all allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1 and 10 and

thus is in condition for allowance. Claim 13 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 15 and is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 22 has been amended so as to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 25 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 27 and is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 34 has been amended into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and is therefore in condition for allowance.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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